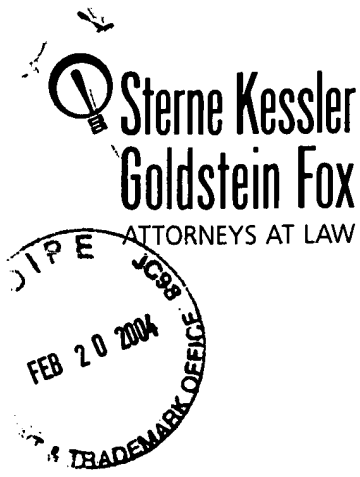


Image



Robert Greene Sterne
Edward J. Kessler
Jorge A. Goldstein
David K.S. Cornwell
Robert W. Esmond
Tracy-Gene G. Durkin
Michele A. Cimbala
Michael B. Ray
Robert E. Sokohl
Eric K. Steffe
Michael Q. Lee
Steven R. Ludwig
John M. Covert
Linda E. Alcorn
Robert C. Millonig
Lawrence B. Bugaisky
Donald J. Featherstone
Michael V. Messinger

Judith U. Kim
Timothy J. Shea, Jr.
Patrick E. Garrett
Heidi L. Kraus
Edward W. Yee
Albert L. Ferro*
Donald R. Banowit
Peter A. Jackman
Teresa U. Medler
Jeffrey S. Weaver
Kendrick P. Patterson
Vincent L. Capuano
Eiduria Ellison Floyd
Thomas C. Fiala
Brian J. Del Buono
Virgil Lee Beaton
Kimberly N. Reddick
Theodore A. Wood

Elizabeth J. Haanes
Joseph S. Ostroff
Frank R. Cottingham
Christine M. Uhlfier
Rae Lynn Prengaman
Jane Shershenovich*
Lawrence J. Carroll*
George S. Bardmesser
Daniel A. Klein*
Jason D. Eisenberg
Michael D. Specht
Andrea J. Kamage
Tracy L. Muller*
LuAnne M. DeSantis
John J. Figueroa
Ann E. Summerfield
Tiera S. Coston*
Aric W. Ledford*

Michael D. Specht
Jessica L. Parezo
Timothy A. Doyle*
Cynthia M. Bouchez
Nicole D. Dretar*
Ted J. Ebersole
Registered Patent Agents*
Karen R. Markowicz
Nancy J. Leith
Helene C. Carlson
Gaby L. Longsworth
Matthew J. Dowd
Aaron L. Schwartz
Mary B. Tung
Katrina Y. Pei Quach
Bryan L. Skelton
Robert A. Schwartzman

Teresa A. Colella
Jeffrey S. Lundgren
Victoria S. Rutherford
Eric D. Hayes
Michelle K. Holoubek
Robert H. DeSelms
Simon J. Elliott
Julie A. Heider
Mita Mukerjee
Scott M. Woodhouse
Of Counsel
Kenneth C. Bass III
Evan R. Smith
Marvin C. Guthrie
*Admitted only in Maryland
*Admitted only in Virginia
*Practice Limited to Federal Agencies

February 20, 2004

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:
(202) 772-8589
INTERNET ADDRESS:
LARRYB@SKGF.COM

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Group Art Unit 1647

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No.: 09/785,474; Filed: February 20, 2001
For: **Genetic Alterations Related to Familial Alzheimer's Disease**
Inventors: Rudolph TANZI *et al.*
Our Ref: 0609.4180002/LBB/AWL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

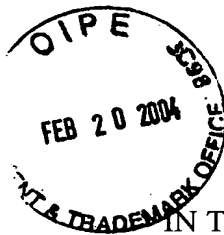
The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Lawrence B. Bugaisky
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 35,086

LBB/AWL:ddc
Enclosures



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Rudolph TANZI *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/785,474

Filed: February 20, 2001

For: **Genetic Alterations Related to
Familial Alzheimer's Disease**

Confirmation No.: 6844

Art Unit: 1647

Examiner: Hayes, Robert Clinton

Atty. Docket: 0609.4180002/LBB/AWL

Reply to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 22, 2004, requesting an election of a single SEQ ID NO for the elected Group II, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute SEQ ID NO 30 as representative of Group II. This election is made without traverse, and without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Applicants also reserve the right to claim additional sequences, and/or to have additional sequences searched and/or examined, in the event that claims to SEQ ID NO 30 are allowable.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Lawrence B. Bugaisky
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 35,086

Date: February 20, 2004

1100 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934
(202) 371-2600